

# Common Root Words and Word Orgins

| Roots           | Meaning             | Word   |
|-----------------|---------------------|--|
| ami-, amic-     | love                | amiable, amicable                                      |
| anthrop         | human, man          | anthropology, anthropomorphic, misanthrope             |
| aqua            | water               | aquatic, aquarium, aqueduct                            |
| aud             | sound, hear, listen | auditorium, audible, audiologist, audiotape            |
| biblio          | book                | bibliography, bibliophile                              |
| bio-            | life                | biography, autobiography, biology, antibiotic          |
| carn            | meat, flesh         | carnivorous, chili con carne                           |
| chrom-          | color               | chromatic, monochromatic, polychrome                   |
| chron           | time                | chronicle, chronology, chronometer, synchronize        |
| cogn            | know                | recognize, cognitive, incognito                        |
| corp            | body                | corpus, corpse, corporal                               |
| cred            | believe             | credible, credulous, credibility, credit, credo        |
| demo-, dem-     | people              | demography, democracy, epidemic                        |
| dent            | tooth               | dentist, dentifrice, dentin                            |
| derm-           | skin                | dermatology, epidermis, hypodermic                     |
| duo             | two                 | duo  |
| fac             | make, do            | manufacture, factory                                   |
| frater          | brother             | fraternal, fraternize                                  |
| geo-            | Earth               | geopolitical, geology, geography, geothermal           |
| graph-          | writing, printing   | graphology, biography,                                 |
| hemo, hema, hem | blood               | hemophilia, hematology, hemoglobin                     |
| hydo, hydr      | water               | dehydrate, hydraulics, hemoglobin                      |
| log             | word                | monologue, epilogue                                    |
| man             | hand                | manufacture, manual, manuscript                        |
| mar             | sea                 | marine, mariner  |
| mater           | mother              | maternal, maternity, matriarchy, matricide             |
| min             | small               | minority, minuscule, minute                            |
| mor, mort       | death               | mortal, mortician, immortality                         |
| morph           | form, structure     | metamorphosis, amorphous, morphology                   |
| nym, onym       | word, name          | synonym, acronym, anonymous, pseudonym                 |
| pater           | father              | paternal, paternity, patricide, patrilineal, patriotic |
| ped, pod        | foot                | pedal, pedometer, centipede, gastropod                 |
| phon-, phono-   | sound, voice        | telephone, euphony, cacophony, phonograph              |
| port            | carry               | portable, transport, portage, report                   |
| psych-          | soul, spirit, mind, | psychology, psychic, psychobiography                   |
| scrib, script   | write               | manuscript, scribe, proscribe, scripture               |
| sec, sect       | cut                 | dissect, section                                       |
| tang, tact      | touch               | tactile, tangible                                      |
| terr            | Earth               | subterranean, terrain, terrestrial                     |
| ver             | truth               | veracity, verify, verity                               |
| vit             | life                | vital, revitalize, vitamin                             |